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This paper is filed in response to the office action dated April 23, 2003.

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claims 1, 90, 125, 141, 211, and 218.

Please add new claims 239-243.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is fluorine.
3. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is sulfur.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein X is chlorine.
5. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein said final coefficient of friction is about 0.3 or less.
6. (Currently amended) The method of claim + 239 wherein said final coefficient of friction is about 0.2 or less.